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## Chief Justice announces West Virginia to host CCJ/COSCA conference

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Chief Justice Robin Jean Davis today announced that the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators will hold its annual joint meeting in West Virginia in July 2014.

About 150 Chief Justices and top court administrators along with their family members, as well as judicial educators, media personalities, and others are expected to attend the event at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs.

"It is rare that the West Virginia Supreme Court is in the position to help the state's economic development, but by bringing this highly sought-after conference here, we can do so," Chief Justice Davis said. "This is a big catch for West Virginia and The Greenbrier. It's similar, for example, to having a National Governors Association meeting here."

Greenbrier owner Jim Justice said, "We are absolutely honored to host these distinguished individuals on behalf of West Virginia. This is a tremendous opportunity for all of us to showcase the very best our state has to offer from the breathtaking mountain views to our friendly, welcoming people. The Greenbrier, the valley around us and our entire state have a special kind of magic that cannot be made or manufactured and we look forward to sharing that magic in 2014."

Chief Justice Davis said the Court hopes that everyone who attends will return home and talk about how beautiful, hospitable and unique West Virginia is.

"Of course, we would like them all to come back for their personal vacations," she said.

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These conferences also typically generate future business for the host state and site. "For example, a Chief Justice might mention to lawyers or business people in his or her state what a great time they had in West Virginia, and then that state's Bar Association or large law firm or business group might decide to have a meeting of its own, either at The Greenbrier or elsewhere in West Virginia," she said.

Supreme Court Administrator Steve Canterbury added, "This is the first time West Virginia has ever been selected to host this important annual meeting. We plan to make it the best one ever."

The Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) was founded in 1949. The Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) was established in 1955. Their membership is made up of the highest judicial officers and top state court administrators of each state; Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; the Northern Mariana Islands; American Samoa; Guam; and the Virgin Islands.

The CCJ discusses ways to improve the administration of justice, rules and methods of procedure, and the organization and operation of state courts and judicial systems. COSCA's goal is to improve state court systems.